(*g*) do they propose to do anything to make that road tractable by at least bullock carts;

(*h*) does not food production drive, the prime duty of the Government, encompass the construction of more roads and the putting of the existing ones in good repair?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Regular inspection of porambokes (including lanes is being conducted by the Revenue subordinates and appropriate action taken to remove the encroachments detected.

(*b*) The number cannot be given as the period is not specified.

(*c*) No case of encroachment noticed was left without action.

(*d*) Urgent improvements on this road are being attended to along with the road maintenance works this year.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The allotments for original and repair works under communication in Panchayats are given as lump sums to each panchayat and each panchayat is allowed to distribute the allotment for various works according to its discretion. No special allotment is reserved in the budget for taking up other works under this item. In this case the Eruthempatti Panchayat has therefore to attend to the work in question with the allotment given to it.

(*h*) It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Did not the Government find that it was very difficult to carry paddy from farms where there are no roads. Here it is a matter of opinion. The Director of Food Supplies has said that he found it very difficult to transport paddy.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: If anything has to be carried by road of course the road must be in good condition.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: It is not a matter of opinion, any way.

PUNISHMENT OF EMPLOYEES—FOOD SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

254. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) have any of the employees in the Food Supply Department been punished for any offence while employed in the Department;

(*b*) for what were they punished;

(*c*) what is the nature of punishment in each case?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

Yes. A list containing the information is placed on the Council table.

ISSUE OF QUOTAS FOR JAGGERY, POTATOES, ETC.—INFORMATION OF

255. Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) who are the persons to whom quota for jaggery, potatoes, chillies and onions has been given in 1119 in Trichur, Chittur and Tattamangalam;

(*b*) what are the considerations that weighed with the Government in choosing those persons from among the numerous applicants;

(*c*) whether among the persons so chosen, are people who have not before the war and in the near past done any large scale business in jaggery, potatoes, chillies, etc.

(*d*) if so, what persuaded the Government to give quota to such persons;

(*e*) among those to whom quota was refused are there not merchants of longstanding who have been dealing for a long time in the articles in question;

(*f*) will Government be pleased to give a list of the merchants to whom quota was refused in 1119;

(*g*) whether any uniform principle will be accepted in the distribution of quota of those and other articles;

(*h*) will Government be pleased to state whether there are not aided school teachers among those to whom quota for jaggery, onions, potatoes and chillies is given in Chittur and Tattamangalam?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: (*a*) Vide list appended. *(Appendix III)*

(*b*) Character, command of necessary resources to purchase and import the articles in time, business experience, willingness to co-operate with the Government for conserving the commodities within the State and selling them here at at reasonable rates.

(*c*) Yes, a few.

(*d*) Vide answer to (*b*).

(*e*) Yes.

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